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The Bulletin

Norwich, Friday, June 14, 1918.

VARIOUS MATTERS

The longest days of the year are approaching.

Light vehicle lamps at 8:52 o'clock this evening.

Honeyuckle vines about the city are covered with blossoms.

The school term in some of the suburban towns ends today.

Play Day: Old Glory should be displayed from sunrise to sunset!

Growners of roses are compelled to fight a real plague of rosebugs this season.

Food sale by Universalist Alpha Chapter at Plant-Cadden building, today, open at 1 p. m.—adv.

The big guns are being tested out night and day at the proving grounds at Cornfield Point, Saybrook.

Although a big fruit crop was looked for hereabouts, the yield of cherries is turning out rather small.

When Colchester grange met Tuesday evening, five members of North Stonington grange were present.

The ladies of the Eastern Star are giving their annual picnic to the members of the Masonic Home at Wallingford, June 18th.

Barber Wanted: Wauregan House Barber shop, wages and commission good for \$23 per week.—adv.

Classes of Norwich Red Cross girls worked the Red Cross room Thursday afternoon. Miss Elizabeth F. Patten was in charge.

It is hoped to launch another of the schooners at the Noank shipyard June 25. It is, however, doubtful if it goes overboard before July 4th.

Some of the fishermen are still at work on the Connecticut river, catching the few shad that are running. Their hauls are very small.

The electric lights at Willimantic Camp Ground have been put in order for the coming season and will probably be in use the first of next month.

The final contributions to the second Red Cross fund of East Lyme have just been received and the total for the whole town stands at \$1,022.50.

An anniversary high mass of thanksgiving for James J. Shannon was sung in St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock Thursday morning by Rev. J. H. Broderick.

Teachers of the public schools of New London have been granted an increase in salary by the board of school visitors, amounting about \$100 for each grade teacher.

The pupils of the Tourtellote Memorial High School at North Grosvenordale are giving a minstrel show and play in the High School hall for the benefit of the Senior Washington Trip Fund.

Protect your garden from blight and bugs. Use Bon-Bug mixture, \$1c a bottle, at Lee & Osgood's.—adv.

It is hard for the traveling public to become accustomed to the new railroad passenger rates. Hereafter, patrons could purchase round trip tickets but these tickets have been discontinued.

Window posters are to be placed about the state by the Boy Scouts under the direction of the state council of defense. These posters will explain the thrift stamp drive that begins Friday, the 21st, and continues till the 28th.

The funeral of William Henry Benham was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Quaker Hill Baptist church. Rev. Donald Fletcher and Rev. P. D. Laddington conducted the services. Burial was in Union cemetery, Waterford.

Patriotic pupils bringing tinfoil Thursday to Mrs. Ida Eccleston at the room of the Woman's League, Inc., East Great Plains school, four pounds of tin foil were collected. Room No. 2, Greenville grammar school, twelve pounds.

Connecticut attorneys have started a petition against the plan to merge the revised statutes of 1915 in three volumes, claiming that the statutes can be included in one volume with the index eliminated and placed in a volume by itself.

In the superior court at Middletown the other day, William H. Havens secured a divorce from Sarah E. Havens of East Hadham on the ground of desertion. She had left him four or five times before she went away the last time. He lives in Saybrook.

An insane stranger brought from Groton by Selectman A. F. Hewitt to the State Hospital Tuesday morning, escaped and was back in Groton that night. Wednesday the man was taken to Worcester, Mass., where it had been found that he belonged.

While fighting a brush fire at his home on Friday, May 17, a Hampton boy, Victor Howe, 17, was overcome by the heat and suffered a complete collapse, remaining in a serious condition for several days. He is now only able to leave his bed and sit up for a short time.

So pleasantly were the members of the Norwich District Ministerial association entertained at the convention held at the Mounting Lake resort Monday and Tuesday, that the appreciation of the members of the hospitality while in Mystic was expressed in very grateful resolutions.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Connecticut grand lodge, Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaritans, closed, was held Wednesday in Danbury, the sessions being held in the Mt. Pleasant A. M. E. Zion church, under the auspices of Mt. Pisgah lodge.

Early Green Peas

Sachem Street Garden Produced Two Bushels on Thursday.

Mrs. Robert Smith had the pleasure of picking two bushels of green peas from her garden at 85 Sachem street on Thursday. They beat all records that the garden has made before as Mrs. Smith had never picked the first green peas sooner than the first of July before this.

Opens Summer Cottage.

Mrs. Joseph M. Burdick of West Main street, has returned from West View, where she went Monday to open Elide-a-wee cottage for the season.

Mrs. Burdick motored down, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Calvin L. Swan, and the latter's brother, Arthur M. Geer.

Call For Refugee Clothing.

The Norwich Red Cross chapter has received an order for a large quantity of refugee clothing that is to be filled during the summer months.

PERSONALS

Frederick Deming of Woodstock visited relatives at Rocky Hill this week.

Rev. G. G. Scrivener of Norwich was a recent caller at the parsonage in West Thompson.

Miss Rita Collins of Norwich, is spending a few days at Lakeside cottage, East Hampton.

Miss Anna Dennis and Katherine Houlihan will leave Saturday to spend the summer at Eastern Point.

Miss Jennie L. Congdon of Norwich made a brief visit with friends at Willimantic Camp Ground early in the week.

Miss M. Sullivan of the Navy Yard is at the Backus hospital in Norwich, undergoing an operation for eye trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon from Norwich have spent their cottage on Prospect avenue, Willimantic Camp Ground, for the season.

Rev. Charles W. Brennan of Norwich Town, formerly a curate at the church of the Immaculate Conception, visited friends in town Wednesday.—Waterbury Republican.

Sgt. Milton R. Cunningham of the aviation section located at Langley Field, Hampton, Va., has been the guest of Miss Geraldine Oat of West Thames street for a few days.

Beatrice Goeling, the Red Cross nurse, who recently addressed the Nurses' Alumnae association of Backus Hospital, Norwich, is to speak Wednesday evening next at the graduating exercises of the nursing school at the hospital.

SAILOR IN DESPERATE FEAR OF COURT-MARTIAL

Attempts Suicide by Drowning at the State Pier in New London.

A sailor named Blanchette, stationed at the state pier in New London, attempted to commit suicide by drowning at the pier Wednesday morning shortly after 7 o'clock. Blanchette's home is in Jewett City. He was in the regular navy and, it is said, had recently been apprehended in Willimantic on a charge of desertion. Fear of what a court-martial might mean to him in the event of his capture was the motive for the man's act.

A few days ago it is said Blanchette attempted to hang himself by a chimney of a house that he had found in the brig. He was prevented from taking his life by members of the guard.

Wednesday he was released from the brig for a short time in order that he might take a shower bath. While in the shower he must have been again seized with the suicidal mania for a sailor named Johnson, who was standing near the shower, saw him rush from the bath and plunge overboard.

Johnson yelled for aid and plunged into the river after Blanchette. After several futile attempts to locate him, Johnson finally saw Blanchette under the wharf. He succeeded in securing a hold on the man's head and by means of ropes, with other sailors on the wharf, lowered him into the water. Blanchette was raised and first aid rendered. After quite a little effort on the part of the doctors Blanchette was restored to consciousness.

ON THEFT CHARGE.

Thomas Pappavasios Arrested—Wicker Grip With Liquor in It Found.

Thomas Pappavasios, 29, who lives in a boarding house on Franklin square was arrested early Thursday evening by Policemen Ralph DeVeto and P. Murphy. He was charged with the theft of a wicker grip from the Katz saloon on the West Side.

A small wicker grip found on a bench in the Vermont station with three bottles of ale in it, was also brought to police headquarters. The man's wife admitted that the grip was hers and that she had brought it to the railroad station but denied knowing anything about the liquor being in it.

It is suspected that the grip with the bottles of ale in it was left on the railroad station bench so that some man in uniform might get it, but it fell into the hands of the police before the probable intended recipients had received it.

WEDDING.

Haydon—Fitzhugh.

The wedding of Miss Ida Mary Fitzhugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Haydon, to James F. Haydon, son of James F. Haydon of Toronto, occurred on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the summer residence of the bride's parents at Lynbrook, Conn.

The marriage ceremony was performed in the spacious drawing room by Rev. J. R. Danforth, under a canopy of pink, laurel and greens.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white and carried a bouquet of orange and white flowers. Her wedding veil of soft white tulle was caught up with orange blossoms. She wore an amethyst lavalliere, set in platinum, the gift of the bridegroom.

The maid of honor, Miss Pauline Stone of Plainfield, Mass., wore a charming gown of white Georgette over pale pink satin and carried pink roses. J. Crowley of New York acted as best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at which Mr. and Mrs. Haydon left on an extended motor trip to the mountains, later crossing to Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where they will make their home.

Trolleyman Discusses Wages.

The regular meeting of the Trolleyman's union was held in Union hall on Thursday evening with a large number in attendance. The most important subject under discussion was that of a raise in wages. The outcome of the discussion could not be learned Thursday evening.

Paid Small Fine.

Chief Yeoman James Thomas of Philadelphia was fined \$1 and costs in the city court on Thursday morning on an intoxication charge. He paid. He was arrested on Wednesday evening wearing civilian clothes as he arrived here from New London.

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—says Bobby

GIRL DIES FROM AUTO INJURIES

Stepha Luski, Aged 7, Struck in Thames Street By Auto Driver By Elmer H. Crouch of New London — Child Dies Within Half an Hour Afterwards.

Stepha Luski, seven years old, daughter of Pawl and Anna Luski, living at 52 Thames street, was struck and fatally injured on Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock on Thames street by an automobile driven by Elmer H. Crouch of New London.

Mr. Crouch picked the child up in a dying condition and rushed her to the Backus hospital in his automobile but she died about 20 minutes after reaching the hospital. Severe concussion of the brain and internal injuries made her condition critical.

On the way back from the hospital Crouch stopped at the police station and reported the accident to Chief George Linton, who at once notified Coroner Franklin H. Brown, who started an investigation.

Crouch lives at 24 Keeney Lane, New London, and is employed as a driver by a large retail grocery store.

The parents of the little girl are natives of Austria.

According to what Mr. Crouch said he was coming to the city from New London and as he drove along Thames street opposite the Norwich, Nichol, and Brass Company factory the little girl ran out from the sidewalk and against the mudguard of the car. She was knocked over, but he did not believe the wheels ran over her. She was picked up from under the car, according to what the coroner learned.

There are two or three witnesses who are yet to be examined by Coroner Brown. It is understood that there is one witness who declares he saw the little girl pick herself up and run up onto the sidewalk after the accident.

Complete plans for a canning and drying drive which will cover the entire state have been formulated by the committee of food supply, Connecticut State Council of Defense, Miss M. Estelle Sprague, Miss Maud H. Hayes and A. J. Brundage of the Agricultural College are working upon this project and are calling upon all local representatives and organizations in putting the campaign across.

Both canning and drying are made a feature of the campaign since it is evident that dehydration is becoming more and more popular and is a safe and economical method for preserving food. It becomes especially important in the face of a possible shortage of containers.

Connecticut made an enviable record in its canning work last year, running well under the 20 per cent. of spoilage according to reports received by the food committee from the United States Department of Agriculture. In almost every case spoilage was due to the use of stale product or to inferior equipment, rather than to lack of proper methods of handling. Where proper precautions were taken there was very little or no spoilage.

Boys and girls are being called upon to take up the canning programme as a part of their Junior Food Army activity. At least 100,000 boys and girls are expected to join, quotas having been set for that number in Connecticut. Some counties have already enrolled a large per cent. of their population in the campaign.

STATE GUARD WINES COL. BURPEE'S PRAISE

Third Regiment Highly Commended for Field Day at Stonington.

The work of the Third Infantry, Connecticut State guard, at its mobilization and field day at Major Charles P. Williams' estate in Stonington, June 2, was called forth the commendation of Major General Lucius D. Burpee of Hartford, commanding general of the state. In a letter to Colonel E. T. Kirkland of New London, commander of the regiment, Major General Burpee praised the regiment highly. Major General Burpee's letter follows:

"Your detailed report of duty performed by your command at Williams' field, Stonington, June 2, 1918, has been received. It is noted with great pleasure that 86 per cent. of the strength of your district was present and also that the regiment was well equipped for mobilization and in every way prepared for the limited means of instruction which the men had during the past winter were most creditable. The most encouraging feature of all, however, was the fine spirit of the men, not only in their large attendance, but also in their attention to instructions and their interest in their work."

The State guard, Third district may well be relied upon for efficient and businesslike service at any time."

ROCKVILLE MILL MAN FOUND DEAD IN OFFICE

Edward F. Badmington, 35 Years With American Woolen Co.

Edward F. Badmington, 35, superintendent and for thirty-five years an employee of the American Woolen Company at Rockville, was found dead on the floor of his office at 1:30 on Thursday morning.

He was called by heart failure. He had been in apparently good health, although suffering from heart trouble since an illness two years ago. He was a native of New York and a member of a number of fraternal societies also of Washington Commandery, Knights Templar and Shrine Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Hartford. He was formerly secretary of the Rockville fair association. A father, George, brother, Albert, widow, two sons and a daughter, survive him.

WILLIMANTIC FOURTH IN WAR SAVING STAMPS

Shows Per Capita Up to Date of \$3.26.

The city of Ansonia still leads all Connecticut in total per capita war savings stamp sales with \$9.47, according to an announcement made today by the office of the state war savings committee. Next in line is Manchester with \$8.73, followed by New London with \$8.57. Willimantic's per capita is \$3.26, fourth in line.

Of the large cities Bridgeport is still leading with \$3.37, followed by Hartford with \$3.70. New Haven is third with \$3.55.

The average per capita contribution for the state up to June last was \$2.57. Eastern Connecticut towns which have exceeded or equaled this average include Putnam, \$5.14 and Old Lyme, \$5.07.

Lieut. Col. Maloney Is Overseas

Lieut. Col. E. R. Maloney, who is a surgeon on the staff of General Ryan, has arrived safely overseas, according to word that has come to his sister, Mrs. T. M. Rawley of New London. Lieut. Col. Maloney is a native of this city and a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy.

Taftville Man to Fort Terry.

Charles A. Keene of Taftville was one of those accepted at the New Haven recruiting station this week and sent to Fort Terry on Plum Island for the 68th Regiment of Coast Artillery.

TOLD HOW MYSTIC GARAGE WAS ROBBED

Mandonia Makes Confession in Trial in Superior Court at New London

Joseph Mandonia, alias Mandonia, of New London, one of the gang of Italian burglars who robbed several automobile supply houses in that city and Mystic last fall, and who had previously pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary, was put on the stand by the state in the criminal superior court in New London Thursday morning. Mandonia told the entire story of the robbery of the Backus automobile supply house in Mystic and of the division of the spoils.

Mandonia testified that he came to New London from Oakfield, N. Y., last July, followed the next day by Antonio Longo, who is a member of the gang, and on trial. Prior to coming to New London, he went to Westbury, where he met Turisi, another member of the gang, at whose house he stayed for five or six days. The time Turisi told him that he was going to open a tire store and he told him the method of procuring the tires.

Opened Store in New London.

Mandonia had some money in Detroit before coming to New London and this he secured after being here a short time and with it he opened a tire store in Shaw street, which he conducted three or four months, selling it the day before he was arrested.

Turisi sent for a few days before the robbery of the Backus place in Mystic, which took place after the robbery of Lathrop's garage in Montauk avenue. Antonio Longo accompanied him to Westbury and Turisi told them that there was a place in Westbury they could rob and if Mandonia didn't want to do that there was a place in Mystic, mentioning the Backus place.

Went to Stonington Farm.

Prior to committing the robbery in Mystic, the witness, accompanied by Tony Longo, Turisi, Joseph Poretti and Nino Longo, the latter two also alleged members of the gang, went to Piscataway's farm in Stonington, where the stolen tires were afterward stored. Mandonia testified that Nino Longo knew nothing of the plans of the rest of the men in the party, he merely acted as guide to show them the way to the Piscataway farm, which he had previously attended a christening. Mandonia and his companions told Longo that they wanted to store goods there, but Longo did not know what the goods were.

Three in Backus Robbery.

Mandonia declared that the robbery of the Backus place was planned by Joseph Poretti, Tony Longo and himself. They started from New London on the night of the robbery in Poretti's machine and went to Mystic. There Poretti left the machine alone and the three went to the place. On their arrival there Poretti and Longo told him to break in the window, but he declared that he could not break it, so Longo smashed it with a stone.

Stored Tires in Cellar.

Longo gave the witness his revolver and he went into the garage and handed out the tires to Poretti and the witness. After the tires were all out they carried them to the automobile, making seven trips. Then they took the tires to the Piscataway farm in Stonington in two loads, Longo making the first trip while he and Poretti stayed behind and watched the tires. When Longo came back they loaded on the rest of the tires, which were stored in the cellar of the Piscataway house, after which they returned to New London by way of Norwich, arriving in New London at 5:30 in the morning.

Two days later the witness, Longo and Poretti went to Westbury, where they met Turisi, who was to buy the tires. They talked of the price, but Turisi wanted to see the tires first, so they all went to the farm, where they took the sizes of the tires, after which they went back to Westbury. Later they came to New London.

Took Tires to Westbury.

A week later they moved the tires from the farm in Stonington and took them to another place, where the witness described as about five minutes' ride from the center of Westbury, but which he was unable to locate any more definitely the trip having been made at night. They were returned to Stonington in Longo's and Poretti's machines, on which they loaded the tires, and then went to Westbury, where they stored the tires, where they were stored in a barn and covered over with hay.

Divided Spoils on Bridge.

The four went back to the bridge over the Westchester river, where Turisi paid Mandonia \$175 on account, and then all but Turisi came back to New London. They went to Westbury again the following Wednesday morning in Longo's car and there they met Turisi in front of a tailor shop. The tailor, whose name the witness said he did not know, gave him a check for \$225, which was a balance on a cash advance. This was the balance on the amount of \$500 which was the price agreed upon for the tires.

Mandonia stated that Poretti received \$100, Longo \$250 and he received \$150. Longo got more for the use of his machine.

Mandonia identified receipt which he signed, and gave to Giuseppe Cusano. He said that he was not his name but he was told to sign the receipt that way by Turisi, although the tailor objected. Turisi said, however, that it would only be discovered by accident.

Mandonia, Poretti and Longo then returned to New London.

WAS AMONG OLDEST NEW LONDON CITIZENS

John A. Comstock Dies at 91—Boat Builder in Old Days.

John A. Comstock, one of the oldest and most respected residents of New London, died Friday morning about 10 o'clock. He was 91 years of age, his whole life, comparatively having been spent in New London.

Mr. Comstock was a boat builder by trade and followed that occupation many years when boat building was a calling that required skill and a knowledge of the use of tools that